

Faculty to check police



Allegations that undercover or plainclothes policemen recently operated on campus prompted a Faculty Senate resolution to establish a fact finding committee.

At Tuesday's meeting, David Hibler, assistant professor of English, introduced a resolution which states that the alleged police scrutiny at public meetings "should be met with a sense of apprehension and alarm" not only by students, but by faculty and administration as well.

The resolution will be considered at the Senate's March meeting.

The allegations charge that plainclothesmen took photographs and compiled dossiers of persons attending Saturday's Board of Regents meeting and Monday's ASUN meeting, according to the

resolution. At the ASUN meeting, President Joseph Soshnik denied any knowledge of such police scrutiny.

The ad hoc committee, to be established under the jurisdiction of the Senate's Human Rights Committee, would determine whether such agents had functioned on campus. If so, the resolution states, the committee would investigate who was responsible for their presence, what use is being made of the gathered information and what relevant University policies exist.

In an attempt to discuss the resolution at Tuesday's meeting, Hibler asked for a suspension of the rules to permit discussion of an item not on the agenda. The move failed for lack of a necessary two-thirds vote.

Hibler then resubmitted the resolution as new business to

be placed on the March 3 agenda. Applause from about 100 student observers followed his reading of the resolution.

The Human Rights Committee already has received three complaints regarding the undercover police, said Paul Olson, the committee's chairman. The committee has just begun its investigation.

Olson added Tuesday that he had no objections to Hibler's resolution though he would consult his committee to obtain their opinion.

"The committee has a tremendous number of things to do, there aren't that many people and all of us are busy," he said. "This matter will take tremendous consideration."

He thoughtfully concluded, "I just don't know if we can get things done quickly."

HRIL urges 'moral leadership'

In an effort to expose discrimination in many of the nation's private organizations, the NU Human Relations Insight League (HRIL) is asking prominent Nebraska political figures to resign their memberships in the Elks Club.

Included in the list of eight Nebraskans who received letters from HRIL are: Governor J. J. Exon and Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justices Paul White and Harry Spencer.

University Regents Ed Schwartzkopf and J. G. Elliot, Nebraska State Sen. Terry Carpenter and Jules Burbach, and Nebraska Equal Opportunity Director Reid Devoe were also singled out.

On January 28, 1971, the HRIL received a letter from Devoe indicating that he had privately terminated his membership from the Elks Club.

No response from the remaining seven individuals has

been received by the League, according to HRIL President Linda McNickle. The group is primarily composed of University students and faculty.

In the letter from the League it was stated, "It is our, and we are sure your, feeling that public leadership demands moral leadership."

"We feel it is clearly immoral to belong to an organization which racially discriminates. Thus we are asking you as a major public leader to publically resign your Elks Club membership."

Seeing that the internal reform of the Elks discrimination policy has been unsuccessful, the letter stated, a public designation of disapproval with the policy would have the greatest effect on Elks and non-Elks alike.

Concluding the letter, the League pointed out, "We wish to make clear that this is not an attempt to make a scapegoat either of you or the Elks Club; we feel that racial discrimination, even in 1971, is still broadly based in this state and country."

"Other powerful

organizations have discriminatory membership policies and we hope to focus public attention upon those organizations, but today you, by renouncing your membership to the Elks Club, can demonstrate your abhorrence of discrimination based on nothing more important than the color of a man's skin."

HRIL believes that persons who hold these important offices in the state should be capable of disassociating themselves from organizations which discriminate on the basis of race.

Local Elks lodges have indicated that the discriminatory policy which exists is presented to them by the national B.P.O.E. regulations.

An attempt last summer to change the qualifications for membership was defeated at the national Elks convention.

The proposal for the resignation of these public figures from their Elks memberships if one facet of a continuation of earlier HRIL actions.

Freddie flies high

After about an hour's wait the Freddie Hubbard Quintet arrived to a packed audience in the Nebraska Union ballroom to give a free jazz concert Tuesday. Hubbard, who was voted the second best trumpeter in the 35th Annual Downbeat Reader's Poll, performed for about two hours.

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